

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Mullis for the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

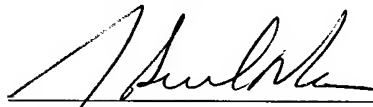
Claims 1 and 3-7 are active in this application, claims 2 and 8 having been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 8. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Kobayashi et al is believed to be obviated by the present amendment, which incorporates the limitations of allowable claim 8 into claim 1. Since all other claims depend from claim 1, either directly or indirectly, all claims are believed to be allowable.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
Norman F. Oblon



J. Derek Mason
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 35,270

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 08/07)